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Reissue Applications

1. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No. 6,098,082 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

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These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

2. Claim 30-35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being broadened in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period.

3. Claim 30 discloses:

“ identifying pictorial transcript representations in said collection that are responsive to a user request that includes one or more keywords;

modifying a pictorial transcript representation that was identified by said step of identifying in a manner that is sensitive to said one or more keywords; and

providing the modified pictorial transcript to said user.”

These limitation are very broad because the words: identify, modify, and providing make the scope of these claims greater than each and every claim of the original patent such as:

Claim 1 of the original patent discloses:

” receiving electronic data representing a condensed version of a video program, said video program having a video component and a second information-bearing media component associated therewith, said electronic data representation including a representative frame from each segment of the video component of the video program and a portion of said second media component associated with said segment; automatically transforming said electronic data representation into a hypertext format to form a hypertext pictorial transcript; and recording said hypertext pictorial transcript in an electronic medium.”

4. Claims 31-35 depend to claim 30, and they are rejected for the same reason.

5. A claim is broader in scope than the original claims if it contains within its scope any conceivable product or process which would not have infringed the original patent. A claim is broadened if it is broader in any one respect even though it may be narrower in other respects.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDERRAHIM MEROUAN whose telephone number is

(571)270-5254. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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